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RE: MUR 5398

LifeCare Holdings, Inc.; LifeCare Management Services, LLC

Dear Mr. Farah:

This is in response to your letter dated January 23, 2004, which we received on January 23, 2004, requesting an extension of 20 days, until February 18, 2004, to respond to the Commission's reason to believe findings against LifeCare Holdings, Inc. and LifeCare Management Services, LLC (collectively "LifeCare"), and Leroy Thompson in the above-referenced matter. After considering the circumstances presented in your letter, the Office of the General Counsel has granted the requested extension. Accordingly, your response is due by the close of business on February 18, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Dutt Attorney